

Sisters' S. C. E.

Treasurer's Report of the S. S. C. E. for the Month of October

THEOLOGICAL FUND	
Reported,	\$13 70
Miss Kissandra Garber on pledge,	1 00
C. Myers on pledge,	1 00
Balance,	\$15 70
HOME MISSION FUND	
Reported,	\$74 91
To treasurer of N. M. Board,	\$10 00
Balance,	\$64 91
SUPERANNUATED MINISTER'S FUND	
Reported,	\$122 22
To Brother Holsinger,	\$10 00
To Brother Nickolson,	10 00
Balance,	\$102 22

ALICE E. AUGUSTINE.

R. 3, South Bend, Ind.

Chicago, Ill.

The S. S. C. E. of the Brethren church of Chicago was organized at 2 P. M. today in the lecture room of the church. The following officers were elected to hold office until July 1st: President, Mrs. J. Barth, vice president, Mrs. J. O. Talley, secretary, Mrs. J. Mc. Colloster, treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Shipley. The society voted to hold meetings every Wednesday from 2 to 4 30 P. M. Our object is to help any needy poor and to do such sewing as we can get. Today we sewed on some clothing for a destitute family. Any advice or information from other sisters' societies will be thankfully accepted. Hoping that God will bless our humble efforts. In His name. MRS. J. MC. COLLOSTER, Sec. 85 Cicero Court.

Our Young People

THE JOY OF SERVICE

Psalms 126: 5, 6; Matthew 25: 19-23

Topic Sunday, March 2.

HOME READINGS

Monday, February 24, Diligent service, Joshua 22: 1-5.
 Tuesday, February 25, Serving two masters, Luke 16: 1-13.
 Wednesday, February 26, Our reasonable service, Romans 12: 1-11.
 Thursday, February 27, Lowly service, Luke 22: 24-30.
 Friday, February 28, Hearty service, Col. 3: 22-25.
 Saturday, March 1, Service rewarded, Heb. 6: 1-12.

It is a very different idea of joy from that of the world which we get in the teaching of Jesus. The world says, in ease, in luxury, in sensuality, in popularity there is pleasure, but Jesus says, in sacrifice for other's good, in humility, in service there is the highest joy. He himself carried out his own idea for his life was one of service. "I am among you as one that serveth." In doing good was his joy and his joy he bequeathed to his followers. It was his glory that he gave himself for the world and he says, "The glory that thou gavest me I have given them."

The service which seemed foolish and hard to the selfish world is an inspiration and a joy to the Christian. Let us look more closely at this joy for it is possible that we have been commiserating ourselves at times for something which should be our glory and joy.

SCRIPTURE HELP

1. The joy of pleasing God. 2 Corinthians 6: 1. This should be our first and greatest joy. In Christian service we are working with God. This alone should outweigh all seeming difficulties.

2. The joy of fellowship with Jesus. Luke 22: 28, 29.

The joy of service has a chief source in our affection for our Savior. To be with him and to share his life, his work, his joy and his power,—what an inspiration is here!

3. The joy of winning souls. 1 Thes. 2: 19. One who has ever known this joy would not exchange it for all power to win gold or applause.

4. The joy of salvation. Luke 10: 20.

The fundamental thing of life after all is not in doing but in being. The Jews were zealous for proselytes but having made one the convert in his new-born zeal was two-fold more a child of hell than they themselves.

But if our names are written in heaven, that is, if we are God-like in character, the soul winning will follow and the converts will be right in spirit too.

5. The joy of true humility. Luke 22: 26.

With the right point of view we shall count it not a shame but an honor to serve.

Love rejoices most in that which enables it to prove itself best.

6. The joy of reward. Col. 3: 23, 24.

What is the inheritance which is the reward of service?

7. The joy of knowing that whether men are thankful or not God knows and appreciates all our service. Rev. 2: 19; Heb. 6: 10; Matt. 10: 42.

No good act can ever be lost however obscure it may be. No fragrance is lost on the desert air by any flower. No song bird's note in the deepest glen falls in its mission. No life is so lowly but that God can use it.

QUESTIONS

1. Why do some church members not find joy in service?
2. Can any selfish person find joy in serving others?
3. Can any unselfish person find joy in being served by others?
4. If everybody would find joy in serving rather than in being served what would be the effect in the world upon poverty? on vice? on heathen lands? on war?
5. Can everybody have the joy of service?
6. Does our joy in service come from what we accomplish or from what we try to accomplish?
7. Do we get all the reward of service in this life?
8. Can we serve God without serving men or serve men without serving God?

POINTS FOR THOUGHT

1. Service brings joy when it springs from love, not when it is a forced effort to keep a command.
2. The joy of service is an inward joy, therefore no one can take it away from us.
3. The joy of service is not transient. The memory of good deeds abides to bless the life forever.
4. Men pay for work done; God pays for work honestly attempted.
5. Every opportunity for service is a solemn obligation which we cannot escape.
6. The point of view which finds joy in service seems unnatural to the selfish world, but fellowship with Jesus makes any other point of view impossible.
7. What blessings we have been missing through shunning the hard things in the way of service!

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The Pathway to Peace

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There are some who say "Peace, Peace, when there is no peace." To ignore one's sin, to refuse to think of duty, to withhold one's self from contact with the evil and sorrow of earth—this is the pathway to peace taken by many men; but they never reach their goal.

As Canon Kingsley says, "There is a discontent which is certain, sooner or later, to bring with it the peace of God. It is to be discontented with *ourselves*, as very few are." To be discontented with our *lot* is peace-destroying; but to "scorn content and live laborious days" is at least the fair beginning of peace.

No one knows what peace is, however unruffled his life and fortunate his circumstances, until his heart is at rest. "It is when there is calm at the centre," says Dr. Blair, "that there will be real quiet for the surface."

And now, after all the "Don't Worry Clubs" and the study of the will, there remains only one sure way of getting a peaceful heart, and that is to get Christ in it. Dr. Edward Judson thus translates the familiar verse of Isaiah: "The soul whom Thou dost sustain, Thou wilt mould into perfect peace; because he trusted in Thee." That is, "the believer is the formless lump of clay. Jehovah is the artist. The outcome is an exquisite vase, bearing the legend, Perfect peace."

Edward Everett Hale's shrewd advice is: "Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have." That is because they do not trust God. The vase of their lives is ugly and awry. "If God," said Bushnell, "is really preparing us all to become that which is the very highest and best thing possible, there ought never to be a discouraged or uncheerful being in the world."

A sailor in a shipwreck was once thrown upon a small rock, and clung to it, in great danger, until the tide went down. "Say, Jim," asked his friends after he was rescued, "didn't you shake with fear when you were hanging on that rock?" "Yes; but the rock didn't," was the significant reply. Christ is the Rock of Ages. Cling to him, and you will be at rest.

They that find Christ, find peace.

A great rock's shadow in a weary land;
 Fountains and palm trees after desert sand;
 After the prison pen and chains—release!
 O glad the heart that enters into rest!
 O sweet the song at even when Christ is guest!

There is only one way to get into our lives Christ, the Peace giver. That is, obey Him! Fenelon puts the truth in formal fashion when he says: "True peace consists only in the possession of God; and the possession of God here below is only to be found in submission to the faith and in obedience to the law."

Who would not have peace?

Who, then, would not have Christ?

—Sabbath Reading.